

Job Service Report to the JSEC

July 7, 2009

1. Community Resource Fair: Held June 4th at the EPEC. 30 partner agencies and business set up booths. The partners had very good things to say about the networking opportunity the Fair created. The Fair was held to get information out about all the services available in our community to those who need it. The Eastern Plains Workforce System was the sponsor of the Fair, and may consider making this an annual event.

2. WIRED Happenings: Sage truck driver training began June 8th through DCC. The class was full—15 students from Sidney, Glasgow and Glendive. The students' tuition was paid through the Job Services' WIRED grants. Glendive's total contribution was a little over \$17,000 for this project.

Our WIRED program was monitored in June—the Programs Oversight Bureau comes out to look at our files and processes. Glendive is operating excellently.

3. State of Montana On-Line Application for Employment: Has been rolled out. Job Service staff members were present at the GoTo meeting providing education on this new feature. We will be able to assist job seekers who wish to use it. The application is attached to the announcement, and is found through <http://jobs.mt.gov>, search for state jobs.

4. JSEC Classic: Thanks to all JSEC members who assisted prior to and on the Day of the Tournament. 2 and sometimes 3 of the 4 Job Service staff were out of the office during this critical time, making it particularly tricky to accomplish this major project. 2009 was the most successful event ever with 70 golfers and a derby that didn't end until 10 p.m.

5. Assistance for Business Clinic (ABC): 2009 marked Glendive's turn to host the ABC Clinic on June 17th. The Chamber of Commerce is the sponsoring agency. Shannon Kadrmas from Job Service presented the Job Service portion of the program. Steve Olson talked to the group about BEAR (Business Expansion and Retention).

6. Managers/Directors Meeting in Great Falls: June 16th we were introduced to our new Workforce Services Division Administrator, Mike Cooney. The Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, Keith Kelly, and his Deputy, Dore Schwinden, invited managers and directors to talk about our local offices and areas—what is working what is not. A new Chief for the Job Service Operations Bureau will be hired soon. We have an acting BC, Mona Amundson, manager of the Glasgow and Wolf Point Job Service offices, until a new BC is brought on board.

7. Work Experience Worker: Job Service agreed to provide a training opportunity for a DCC graduate through Action for Eastern Montana's WIA/ARRA program. Darkest Dawn Martell (DD) is assisting with a variety of clerical projects and providing staffing for our Resource Area. She will be with us through September.

8. Apprenticeship Partnership: Representatives from Apprenticeship, Workforce Services, Unions, and Business who hire apprentices gathered to discuss ways to better integrate and utilize apprenticeship in the workforce system. Keynote speakers came from Kansas and Washington to discuss their respective state's efforts and success at integrating Apprenticeship. There is need to begin explaining apprenticeable occupations and opportunities to students at the junior high level. Apprenticeship is an alternative to a four year, traditional education, however requires much the same basic education. Math, reading and writing skills are critical.

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♦ Individual Growth ♦ Ethics in the Workplace ♦ Continuous Improvement